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### Winter Pile Burns Begin on Kaibab National Forest at Various Locations Throughout December

**Williams, Arizona, December 8, 2021** — Prescribed fire pile burning will commence across the south zone of the Kaibab National Forest for the remainder of this month on both the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts.

Winter weather with forecasted snow present excellent opportunities every year for fire crews to burn and consume piled slash and woody debris left over from previous forest restoration projects. For the month of December, approximately 450 acres of piles near Tusayan are planned for burning with an additional 60 acres on the Williams Ranger District.

Operations will begin on the Williams district this week on Thursday and Friday, December 9 & 10. About 60 acres of piles will be ignited under several APS powerline corridors across the district. Removing debris from beneath electrical powerlines provides enhanced protection of critical utilities that provide vital services to local communities. These hand piles are relatively small in size and will consume quickly with little to no smoke impacts expected.

Starting Monday, December 13, about 400 acres of Piles will be ignited 3 miles southeast of the Town of Tusayan alongside forest road 302 adjacent to the Ten X Ranch. An additional 50 acres will be burnt 15 miles southeast of Tusayan just north of Russell Tank. This operation may extend into the week depending on daily weather conditions.

Smoke may be visible during the day as ignitions are occurring and may periodically impact Highway 64 but is predicted to be light in volume and short in duration.

Smoke production is generally minimal after the first few hours with rapid dispersion as piles consume. Some smoke has potential to settle overnight into the lower elevations due to fluctuating atmospheric temperatures that produce nighttime inversions.

Forest visitors are asked to avoid active hot areas and are reminded to use caution and drive with heightened awareness when passing through any prescribed fire project vicinity.

All prescribed burning on the Kaibab National Forest is subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

For additional information about the Smoke Management Division of the ADEQ and to view prescribed burn authorizations, please visit: [legacy.azdeq.gov/environ/air/smoke/index.html](https://legacy.azdeq.gov/environ/air/smoke/index.html)

Additional fire information for Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following sources:

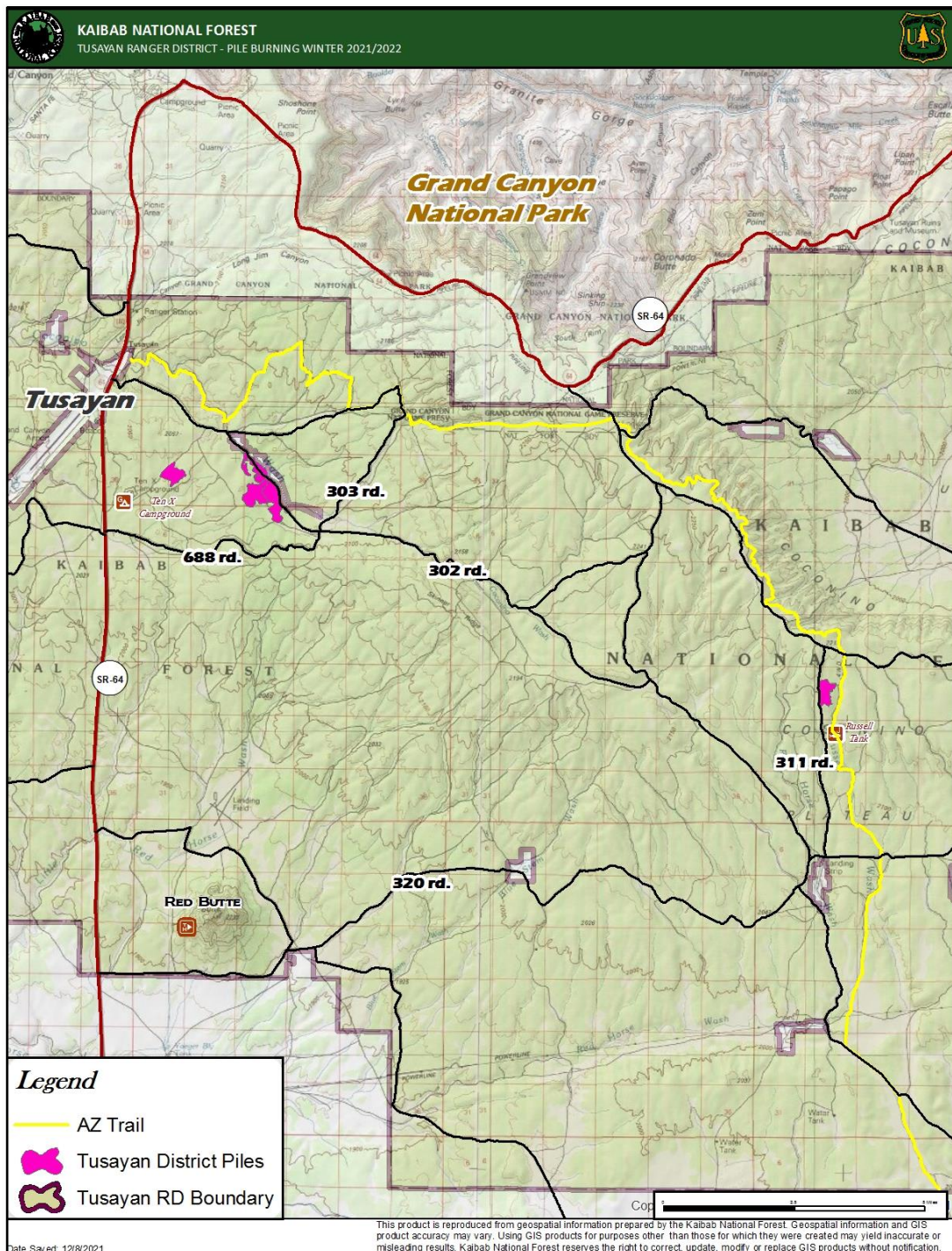
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